

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A heating element for igniting a pyrotechnical charge, for example a charge of an air bag for a motor vehicle. The resistance strip on the base body extends between contact surfaces formed on the base body on opposite sides thereof. The junctions of the resistance strip with the contact surfaces are offset from conductive bridges between the terminal pins and the contact surfaces and the resistance strip may have a meander pattern or can extend diagonally between the contact surfaces.

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